

## ABSTRACT

Disclosed is a method for generating  $(2^k-2^t)$  first order Reed-Muller codes from  $2^k$  first order Reed-Muller codes based on  $k$  input information bits.

- 5 The method comprises selecting  $t$  linearly independent  $k^{\text{th}}$  order vectors; generating  $2^t$  linear combinations by linearly combining the  $t$  selected vectors; calculating  $2^t$  puncturing positions corresponding to the  $2^t$  linear combinations; selecting one  $k \times k$  matrix out of a plurality of  $k \times k$  matrixes having  $k \times k$  inverse matrixes; calculating  $2^t$  new puncturing positions by multiplying each of the  $2^t$
- 10 puncturing positions by the selected  $k \times k$  matrix; and generating  $(2^k-2^t)$  first order Reed-Muller codes by puncturing the  $2^t$  new puncturing positions from the  $2^k$  first order Reed-Muller codes.